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I would like to address my remarks not to the presenting panel from whom we received vague generalities nor to the local politicians who spoke to us but to the Clarksburg farmer/landowners.

First, I would like to say how much I admired our farming people who just addressed us. They spoke with clarity, integrity and total honesty.

A number of speakers said they were second, third and even fourth Delta farming people. I, too, come from farming stock. My people in Ireland have operated the same land for generations. However some years ago, the local government there destroyed our pristine countryside by inflicting on my family and their neighbors a huge polluting factory.

Sure their government officials gave notice of community meetings, but they did so in the same manner as our presenters did this evening. They advertised in abstract papers, not read by the local community. And so before my family and their neighbors woke up to what was going on, the abomination with which they now live with was imposed upon them.

I appeal to you my neighbors to not let this happen here in our Delta area. Send a clear message to the staff sitting here before us tonight, one they can take back to their bosses and that is – we will in no way tolerate any underhanded shenanigans by way of hidden agendas.

Tell them we are a very close knit community which is very much evident from our attendance here tonight. After all most of us had only 10 or so hours notice of this meeting.

~THANK YOU MY NEIGHBORS.